

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILPIN COUNTY, COLORADO

January 31, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County was held on January 31, 2017, at the Gilpin County Old Courthouse. Chair Gail Watson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Chair Watson; Commissioner Linda Isenhardt, Commissioner Ron Engels; County Manager Roger Baker; County Attorney Bradford Benning; and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sharon Cate.

Annual Ambulance Inspection Certifications and License. Brandon Daruna, Executive Director of Gilpin Ambulance Authority (GAA), presented inspection checklists on six ambulances as performed by Stanley Howell, a Multi-County Ambulance Inspector. Commissioner Isenhardt said Inspector Howell's letter states that he has retired, but has requested permission to continue as the inspector for GAA. Director Daruna said Inspector Howell does a great job, and that GAA is inspected also by Boulder County because GAA responds to calls with Timberline Fire Protection District in that county.

Commissioner Isenhardt moved to approve the annual ambulance inspection certifications and license for Gilpin Ambulance Authority for 2017. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Treasurer's Reports. Treasurer Alynn Huffman reported on the following:

December 2016. The taxes collected during this month were 99.98% of the total owed, which is .02% higher than December, 2015. The Board had no questions.

Semi-Annual, June through December 2016. Commissioner Engels moved to accept Treasurer Huffman's Semi-Annual report. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Treasurer Huffman also noted that all tax notices were mailed to property owners by January 27, and that some payments were already being received, as were some 2016 DOLA grant payments.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Colorado Department of Natural Resources for Cooperative Wildfire Protection. Sheriff Bruce Hartman proposed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Gilpin County for Cooperative Wildfire Protection on State Lands—specifically the Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GGCSP). He said the IGA was formal documentation of an ongoing arrangement for the reimbursement of wildland fire suppression, and that GGCSP Manager Dan Weber saw no problems with the agreement. County Attorney Bradford Benning said the IGA had been vetted by many Colorado counties, and that annual appropriations from the Wildfire Emergency Response Fund are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Commissioner Isenhardt asked if the total statewide fund was \$626,500, and if the maximum amount a county could apply for was \$89,000? Sheriff Hartman said that those amounts were correct and that if other counties have fires early in the wildfire season, the pool could be depleted, but that other funds could still be available.

Commissioner Engels moved to approve the IGA between the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Gilpin County for Cooperative Wildfire Protection on State Lands. Commissioner Isenhardt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

County Manager Status Report. County Manager Baker updated the Commissioners on the following items:

Monthly Departmental Reports. The monthly departmental reports that had been submitted were discussed, as was the end-of-year report from Community Development Director Tony Petersen. Commissioner Isenhardt said she is happy that the Community Center will now be open on Sundays. Commissioner Watson said she had sent a thank you note to Parks and Recreation Director Kathi Lambert, and had asked her to monitor the Sunday attendance to decide if the additional staff hours are warranted.

Legal Status Report. County Attorney Bradford Benning advised the Commissioners that they would need to hold an executive session to discuss options for the County's water rights for the Justice Center.

School Bus Stops. Public Works/Facilities Director Bill Paulman, and Road and Bridge Supervisor Gordon Thompson were present for a discussion of the County's policy on snowplowing procedures at school bus stops, particularly those beside state highways. Commissioner Watson conveyed some parents' concerns about school bus stop areas not being cleared of snow and said it could be beneficial for the County to talk with both local school districts regarding the County's snowplowing policy and to request a list of stops. Director Paulman agreed and made the following statements:

- Director Paulman and Supervisor Thompson currently work with both school districts.
- School bus routes are Level 2 roads; Level 1 are the main arterials; both levels are plowed simultaneously.
- Stops are plowed along with roads. The first pass-through is to open a road; the second pass widens the cleared area; this is typically when bus stops are cleared.

- School bus stops along state highway 119 are cleared, though they are in the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) right-of-way.
- Once a storm ends, crews begin plowing in teams, such as a road grader followed by a pickup truck to push snow even farther back.

Commissioner Watson said a Boulder Valley bus driver had thanked him, and that she appreciated Director Paulman's immediate response to the parents' concerns. She further stated that her main purpose in today's discussion was to clarify the policy on snowplowing procedures. Commissioner Watson said both Gilpin County and Boulder Valley school districts would be contacted following today's meeting.

Board of County Commissioners Status Reports.

Notice of Public Meetings. The public meetings in the upcoming two weeks that could be attended by more than one Commissioner and at which public business may be discussed will include:

- Commissioners' work session following the regular meeting today to discuss a list of current topics

Jefferson Center for Mental Health Board Appointment. Commissioner Isenhart spoke about the membership of the Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH) Board of Directors and noted that the annual appointment of Gilpin and Clear Creek counties' joint [citizen] representative needed to be made. She added that Clear Creek County has appointed current representative, Karen Erdman, to a new annual term, and that as an employee in the Gilpin County Human Services Department, Ms. Erdman has worked with both counties and staff for many years and has done a good job. Commissioner Isenhart moved to appoint Karen Erdman as Gilpin and Clear Creek counties' joint representative to the JCMH Board for 2017. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Water Quality Information. Commissioner Isenhart stated that Dave Rogers, of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, is available in February to provide detailed information on source water protection in Colorado, and that she would like to invite him to speak to the Gilpin Commissioners. The Board agreed to invite Mr. Rogers to their February 14, 2017, work session.

Valentine's Day Employee Recognition and Heart Health Initiative. Commissioner Watson said she would like to communicate to County employees their value to the organization, and to encourage them to be more heart-health conscious. She said she would work with Human Resources Manager Susie Allen and Public Health Coordinator Bonnie Albrecht to create small baskets for employees, containing healthy snacks and information about heart health, at an approximate cost of \$400. Commissioner Watson moved to appropriate \$400 for an employee heart health initiative. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

CCI Public Lands Committee Dues. After brief discussion, Commissioner Watson moved to pay \$177 in Colorado Counties, Inc., Public Land Committee dues for 2017. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. Commissioner Engels noted that formation of the new group Colorado Counties Acting Together (CCAT) is going forward, and that funding from each interested county would be necessary in order to participate, which he is in favor of at this time.

Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Engels moved to approve the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2017. Commissioner Isenhart seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Adjournment to Executive Session. Commissioner Isenhart moved to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice on water rights. Commissioner Engels seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 0. There being no further business to come before the Board, they adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Signed this 14th day of February, 2017.